

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Joseph P. Bigus et al.

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR **OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE** OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH

MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES

HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

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Dear Sir:

Steven W. Roth

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 1998, Applicant makes the following election and remarks:

ELECTION:

Applicant elects to prosecute Invention I, claims 1-29 and 33-35. Claims 30-32 have been canceled.